



**CITY OF GREENSBORO
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CITY RESTORES FLUORIDE TO GREENSBORO WATER

GREENSBORO, NC (December 2, 2005) – The City of Greensboro recently restored fluoride to drinking water after temporarily discontinuing it due to supply problems. Since mid-October, the City has used a short-term supply of fluoride to fluoridate Greensboro's water. In late November, the City secured a contract with a new vendor for a long-term supply of fluoride that ensures Greensboro's water fluoridation process is uninterrupted. The interruption of Greensboro's fluoride supply in September was due to a nationwide shortage caused by an increase in demand and the withdrawal of a major fluoride manufacturer.

Fluoride is not used to treat drinking water and has no effect on water quality, but is added to help prevent tooth decay. Fluoridation of Greensboro's water began in the 1960s after the Greensboro City Council voted to fluoridate the local water supply along with other communities nationwide. Greensboro adds about 1 part per million of fluoride to water, the standard recommended level. For more information about Greensboro's fluoridation process, residents can call 336-373-7527.

The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to increase the quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment of inclusion, diversity, and trust. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2,800 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City is governed by a council-manager form of government with a mayor and eight council members. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

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